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Identical letters dated 18 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government and in response to the claims made in the letters from the representative of the Jordanian regime addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/69/873-S/2015/254 and A/69/887-S/2015/281), I should like to convey to you the following information:

The cause of the Syrian crisis is the acts of terrorism and crimes that are being committed against the Syrian people, in all its components, by armed terrorist groups that receive support from abroad. Those acts of terrorism and crimes, and their ever-worsening repercussions, would not continue to occur were it not for the support that some parties, including the Jordanian regime, give the terrorists, in stark violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Security Council resolutions concerning counter-terrorism.

The Jordanian regime's open and systematic support for terrorist groups, at the forefront of which is the Nusrah Front and groups associated with it, through the provision of arms and personnel has exacerbated the suffering of Syrian civilians. Among the crimes those terrorists groups have committed is the killing of civilians, including children and women. The terrorists have also destroyed infrastructure and service facilities, plundered and looted cultural sites and public and private property, and terrorized and oppressed the inhabitants of the areas they have captured. The blatant support provided by the Jordanian regime is evidenced by the fact that it has allowed terrorist groups to take control of border crossings. That support was most recently demonstrated when it enabled thousands of members of the Nusrah Front, which is included in lists of terrorist organizations maintained by the Security

Council, to enter Syria from Jordan and move on Busra al-Sham, Dar'a governorate. Those groups and the Jordanian regime have not only colluded against the Syrian people, but also United Nations officials. One year ago, members of the Nusrah Front terrorist group, with the protection of the Jordanian regime, abducted United Nations Disengagement Observer Force peacekeepers. Those peacekeepers were not released until the Qatari regime paid an astronomical sum to the terrorist gangs.

The Jordanian regime's claims that it supports a political solution to the Syrian crisis and strives to alleviate the humanitarian suffering of Syrian civilians do not square with its actions, such as the logistical support it provides to armed terrorist groups, including the Nusrah Front, that are included in the list of terrorist entities. It is also does not accord with the announcement by Jordanian officials that their country had begun to train what they are calling Syrian tribesmen. If the Jordanian regime truly wished to maintain Syria's stability, safeguard the lives of Syrian civilians and eradicate the blight of terrorism, it would not have established training camps for terrorists in its territory, set up logistical operations centres to support and guide terrorist groups, or helped thousands of terrorists cross its borders on a daily basis to infiltrate Syria. The Jordanian regime should take heed of past events and experiences, and understand that threat posed by the escalation of terrorism will transcend the borders of Syria and spread to the States of region and, indeed, the entire world, starting with Jordan, which sponsors and supports terrorism and trains terrorists.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Security Council to act with determination in order to halt the practices of the Jordanian regime, a non-permanent member of the Security Council. Those practices are contrary to its obligations as a member of the Council and threaten the security and stability of the region and the entire world. It also calls on the Security Council to compel the Jordanian regime to respect the Council's resolutions, in particular resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014) and 2199 (2015), as well as international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

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